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FOR: **FAIL-OVER FILE TRANSFER PROCESS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendment is respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The following paragraphs are amended by rewriting and the markup version is accompanied included with this amendment.

1. Page 2, lines 19-29;

Prior to the fail-over file transfer operation, a receiver may specify backup receiving locations and number of attempts to be made before sending a failure notification and/or attempting another backup receiving location. The number of attempts may also be specified by the sender. If the receiver desires to receive a file from a sender at one of the backup receiving locations in case of transfer failure, it must specify the locations in advance